

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



November 12, 2021

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ʔuʔstánəs!
"Whatever it Takes"
in Klallam

STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY.

Our Mission: PASD creates learning communities that prepare each student to live, work and learn successfully in a changing world.

MARTY'S MINUTE

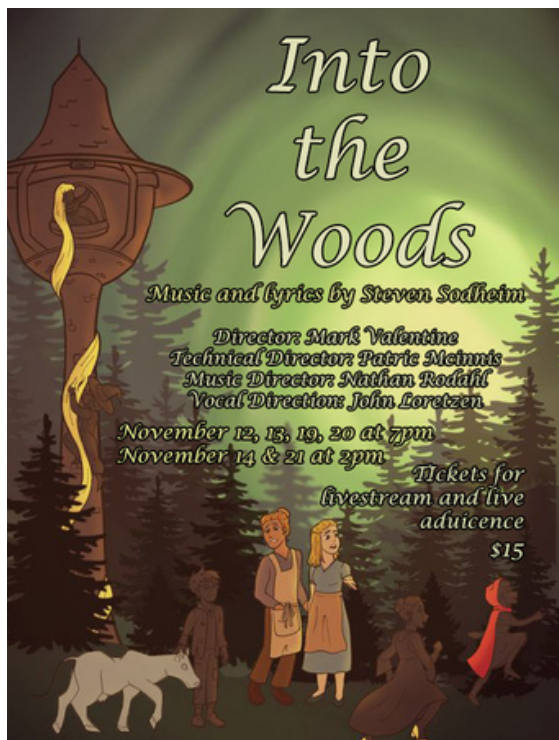
November is National Gratitude Month, and I could not be more proud of our veteran staff members, Tribal partners, students, staff, and families in our District. We have accomplished so much over the last year, and I am hopeful for the year ahead.

I want take a moment to thank all of the veterans and honor their courage and bravery to serve our country. Thank you.

Veteran's Day 2021

In honor of Veterans Day, the District is proud to introduce to you the Veterans of PASD. Please [click this link](#) to visit the PASD website to read about those who now serve their community after they have served their country.

Thank you Veterans of PASD for your service and commitment!



Poster created by: Kai Snook

Tonight is the OPENING night for PAHS' fall musical, Into the Woods! The Port Angeles Theatre Department, in partnership with the Music Department, presents Into the Woods, directed by Mark Valentine. The famous Stephen Sondheim musical combines several well-known fairytale stories and characters to create a funny, poignant, convoluted, tragic, and entertaining musical yarn.

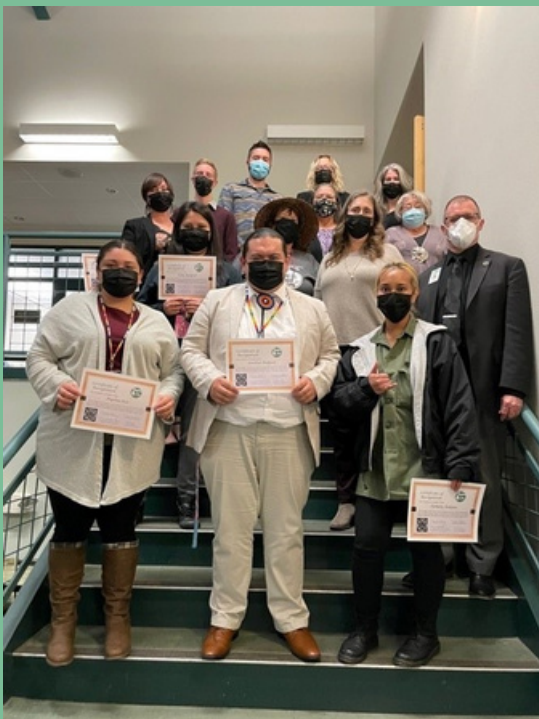
This fall musical is presented live, with audience options of in-person and streaming. The first 250 attendees will be admitted first come, first serve. For virtual attendees, a link will be sent via email to stream the show.

Tickets (\$15) are on sale now for "Into the Woods" running for 6 performances between Nov 12th to 21st! Click the poster to get your tickets today!

PASD and LEKT Board Meeting

On Thursday, November 10th, the Board of Directors held the annual Board meeting with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Council to honor our government-to-government partnership. During this time, the Board of Directors and Tribal Council celebrated those that have been awarded a \$5000 grant to continue their education to be Klallam language certified. The District Grant for this year is \$30,000. and the Grant will provide \$1666.67 for each recipient each quarter for three quarters. Congratulations grant recipients! '

The Board and Tribal Council also heard from Native staff who work throughout the District teaching Klallam Language, hosting educational programs, and providing student and staff support with our Native American Interventionist and Liaison teams. The Board expressed their deep gratitude to the Tribe for their time and willingness to strengthen our government-to-government partnership.



Pictured Top Left: Board President Sarah Methner, Tribal Chairwoman Frances Charles, and Board Directore Sany Long.

Pictured Top Right: Native American Interventionist Reba Cornelson, Summer Cooper, and Jessica Elofson.

Pictured Top Right: PASD Board and Tribal Council recognized the Recipients of the Tribal Language Grants

1. Jonathan Arakawa
2. Harmony Arakawa
3. Carmen Watson-Charles
4. Wendy Sampson
5. Angelina Sosa
6. Ashley Pitchford

The Juan de Fuca Foundation proudly presents

Ballet Workshop's
The NUTCRACKER
with Oregon Ballet Theatre

Sat. Dec 4 @ 7pm
Sun. Dec 5 @ 2pm
Port Angeles Performing Arts Center

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TICKETS

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at JFFA.ORG
or locally at Port
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**Don't miss this
year's
Nutcracker
Ballet
Workshop!**

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for more
information
and to purchase
tickets.**



**TEST
TO
STAY**

Keeping students and staff safe and in school is our top priority. We have learned a great deal over the past year, and our current guidance and procedures reflect the most updated recommendations from the Washington Department of Health and Clallam County Health. [Click here](#) for a message about a 'Test to Stay' program we have implemented in partnership with Clallam County Health.


 **Port Angeles**
CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN

**VIRTUAL
PUBLIC
WORKSHOP**

November 17th | 6 - 8 p.m.

Join us on Zoom:
<https://tinyurl.com/PAResiliency1>

Learn more at:
cityofpa.us/1010/Climate-Resiliency-Plan



The City and community of Port Angeles are developing a Climate Resiliency Plan to inventory and reduce its community and municipal greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions while building resilience to climate change impacts and related stressors.

The City is hosting a public meeting via Zoom on November 17 from 6pm to 8pm, facilitated by Cascadia Consulting and you are invited to attend!

Public outreach and participation are essential to this process, and the City is committed to centering equity and respect for all community members. This will lead to a Climate Resiliency Plan that reflects the communities' priorities. Click the flyer to learn more and register to attend on November 17th!

**From Jonathan Arakawa,
Klallam Language Teacher:**

Below are some great video resources for administrators, staff, students, and families for Native American Heritage Month.

- Klallam History & Lifestyle: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arF65kL4MKU>
- Washington Tribes explained: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOM2qgfG8C8>
- Food & Culture of the Pacific Northwest: <https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/pnw-history-culture#staging>



OPERATION CANDY CANE

In partnership with the Port Angeles Fire Department, Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue would like to bring Santa and Operation Candy Cane out into Fire District #2.

Each year Santa and the firefighters go through the neighborhoods of Port Angeles in a decorated fire engine to collect donated food for the Port Angeles Food Bank.

This year Santa and his helper firefighter Elves will be spending a couple extra nights collecting food out in the Fire District.

While we would love to drive around and see you all, the elves would get tired running all around in our large Fire District.

So we invite you to come see Santa, the firefighter elves, and a decorated fire engine:

Friday, December 10th

Roosevelt School
106 Monroe Road
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Saturday, December 11th

Dry Creek School
25 Rife Road
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Please bring some non-perishable food for donation to the Port Angeles Food Bank. We hope you can swing by to say hello and grab a photo with Santa!



Nominations are now open for the Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Awards! Please consider nominating a PASD educator in your life.

Educator of the Year: Recognizes a teacher, coach, or educational staff member employed by the Port Angeles School District who has exhibited impressive leadership and achieved exceptional results toward the overall development of youth in grade levels K-12.

[Click here](#) to nominate at PASD Teacher for Educator of the Year!



Participate in the 2021 Great American Smokeout

Every year, on the third Thursday in November, people who use tobacco across the nation take part in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout event. **This year, it is on November 18.**

Live tobacco-free

Let the Great American Smokeout event be your day to start your journey toward a tobacco-free life.

Living tobacco-free helps you breathe easier, feel better, and have more energy to do what you enjoy. Join the SmartHealth activity [Go Tobacco-free for the Great American Smokeout](#) to go tobacco-free on November 18 and earn 100 SmartHealth points.

Every try counts

If you or a loved one struggles with tobacco use, don't give up on quitting. Every try counts. Most people try several times before they are able to quit for good.

Get help

If you have been trying to quit tobacco and need support, your SEBB health plan can help. Select your medical plan below to learn about the tobacco cessation benefits available to you and your family members:

- [Kaiser Permanente NW](#)
- [Kaiser Permanente WA](#)
- [Premera Blue Cross](#)

Visit the American Cancer Society's [Great American Smokeout](#) for more information and resources. You don't have to stop smoking in one day. Start with day one.

News and Notes, our PASD staff newsletter, is emailed out each week on Friday during the school year to all staff and is archived on the District's website under Departments, then Communications. Do you have a news item for the staff newsletter? Send an e-mail to Carmen Geyer, Communications & Community Relations Coordinator, at cgeyer@portangelesschools.org by the Wednesday before.

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